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2. WP (PAGE 8) SHORT UPI ITEM DATELINED MARCH 30 NOTING PRAVDA COMMENTS CONNECTING CIA WITH FAISAL ASSASSINATION.

3. WP (FINANCIAL PAGE) DUSKO DODER ARTICLE DATELINED BUDAPEST, HEADLINE "NEW ECONOMIC PLAN SET BY SOVIET BLOC."
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SIMILAR MICHAEL PARKS ARTICLE IN SUN (PAGE 7) COMMENTING

ON CEMA PRICE RISES FOR SOVIET RAW MATERIALS, HEADLINE
"PRICE RISES RANKLE EAST EUROPE BLOC."

4. SUN (PAGE 5) SHORT AP ITEM ON ARREST OF 22 MEMBERS
JDL EARLY SUNDAY FOR DEFACING WALL OF SOVIET UN MISSION
BUILDING DURING DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING REPORTED
DISRUPTION OF PASSOVER SERVICES IN MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE.

5. SUN (PAGE 2) ARTICLE ON CONTROVERSY IN U.K. REGARDING
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